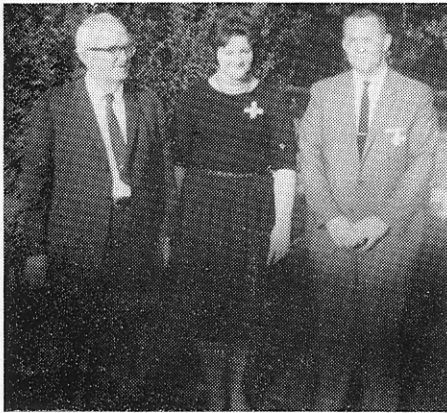


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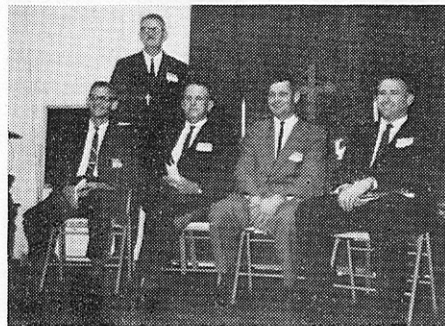


L to R: Dr. Darley Downs, Board of World Ministries, and Rev. and Mrs. John Rhodes of Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Ga.

Pictures From The Fall Meetings



L to R: Dr. W. Millard Stevens, Knoxville, Rev. William R. Winterbottom, Crossville, Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Stewardship Council, and Rev. William Jamerson, Nashville, discuss the Breakthrough Program at Tennessee-Kentucky meeting.



L to R: Members of panel on Evangelism at N. Alabama Association: Phil Woodbury, Huntsville, Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Pastor-at-Large, Rev. Richard Waugh, Trinity, Rev. George Washington, Steele, Rev. Bobby Aderholt, Haleyville.



L to R: Mrs. F. C. Lester, of Council for Lay Life and Work, Dr. Darley Downs, and Rev. Otto L. Culpepper, moderator of S. Alabama-N. W. Florida Association.



L to R: Mrs. F. C. Lester and Dr. A. R. Van Cleave at East Alabama Association. They are related through their respective spouses.

United Church Executive Council Issues Statement

The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ recently expressed dismay at the "organized attempt to subvert the religious principle of conscientious objection for the purpose of draft dodging."

The Council, interim body for the denomination's General Synod, expressed to the 6,957 churches of the 2,067,224-member denomination its concern with three issues raised by current demonstrations against United States involvement in the war in Vietnam: freedom of speech, orderly functioning of the law and freedom of individual conscience, calling them "crucial to the Christian conscience and crucial to the welfare of the United States."

Noting that public expression of objection "to the foreign policies of the United States or to our pursuit of the war in Vietnam" are not illegal, the Council went on record as opposing "any generalized attempt to suppress orderly demonstrations for or against the United States policies and practices in Vietnam."

The Council opposed "unequivocally on both moral and legal grounds the organized effort to induce young men to 'beat' the draft." The group labeled as "highly immoral" such things as advising young men to burn draft cards, persuading college professors to withhold grades of draft-eligible students and "urging young men to register falsely as conscientious objectors."

Pointing out that the law "rightly recognizes that the conscientious objector may take his stand only on religious and moral grounds," the Council said that this free choice to serve God in accordance with conscience is "negated by the cynical advice being given to young men to live a lie by registering falsely as conscientious objectors."

While stating their belief that "no college advisor would knowingly collaborate in such misuse of the principle of conscientious objection," the Council members called upon college advisors and administrators "to see that our young men do not subvert the legal provision for conscientious objectors."

They also pointed out the responsibility of college advisors to help men of draft age "understand the moral imperative of obeying the draft law, not only in letter but in spirit."

Social Action Discusses Agricultural Policies

American agriculture — which has taken giant strides in the techniques of increased food production — must now give serious attention to the moral and psychological problems resulting from an abundant food supply, a professor of ethics at the Chicago Theological Seminary has declared.

Victor Obenhaus, writing in the November issue of *Social Action* (out October 18), a magazine published by the United Church of Christ's Council for Christian Social Action, said:

"Until very recently little attention has been paid to the philosophical and psychological aspects of our efficiency and scientific advancements, so busy have we been increasing production. Now it becomes apparent that in these areas much greater efforts will have to be expended lest we be trapped in our own excesses."

The new problems have arisen, he said, because for the first time in history a large nation can produce more food than its people can consume.

How to employ and share this abundance and the knowledge that produced it thus become ethical decisions.

In his article, which is entitled "Ethical Dilemmas in American Agriculture," Mr. Obenhaus said that wiser allocation of American surplus foods abroad could not only feed hungry persons but "strengthen our relationships with other countries and ultimately contribute to a greater degree of interdependence between nations."

On the domestic scene, he said, great inequities exist in the distribution of funds from the government's agricultural program, which tends to benefit large rather than small operators. Also involved in the setting of food prices is the urban-rural conflict. Farm people see their political power diminishing as a result of the Supreme Court's one man-one vote decision and now "fear for their future," he said. Frantically, some of them are fighting back even to the abandonment of the fundamental democratic presupposition of one person, one vote."

In another article in the same issue, Walter W. Wilcox, Senior Specialist in

Council members registered their confidence in the majority of American young men, stating that they believe most men of draft age "fully intend" to obey the draft law both ethically and legally.

American Bible Society Presents Facts On Bible

The average life of a Bible in the U. S. A. is 15 years.

Only one Christian in eight of the estimated nearly one billion Christians of the world possesses a New Testament.

In North America, with a population of nearly 300 million (according to *The World Almanac*), it is estimated that one person out of five has a Bible.

Half of all Christian homes have no Bibles.

Currently there are estimated to be approximately 150 million Scriptures in circulation in the world.

The ABS plans to celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 1966 with a distribution of 75 million Scriptures, one-half the total circulation of 150 million copies to be distributed that year by all the United Bible Societies.

The American Bible Society issued in 1835 the first Bible for the blind.

Today there are 14 million blind people throughout the world.

In 1964 the American Bible Society distributed 65,834 Scriptures in Braille and on Bible Records.

The ABS is now circulating Bible Readings for Boys and Girls in Braille.

Agriculture, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, noted the conflicting results of government programs that hold down agricultural production and developments in agricultural technology that increase it.

He said that the most controversial issue facing policy officials in the Western World is how to make use of agricultural surpluses of some countries when population is increasing faster than food supply in large areas of the world.

Social Action Institute

A lively program on pertinent issues led by dynamic leaders is planned for the Social Action Institute to be held at Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park, Fla., Jan. 24-26. The institute is open to all United Church people.

For further information write to the convention office or to:

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Church World Service At Home And Overseas

A steady influx of refugees from Cuba is anticipated by Church World Service which is stepping up its facilities at the Cuban Refugee Center in Miami, Florida. "We stand able and ready to help the Cuban refugee rejoin his family as expeditiously as possible," said the Rev. John W. Schauer, Jr., director of immigration services of CWS, on his return to New York from Miami, where he studied the immediate staff needs at the Center.

CWS has plans to meet all Cubans arriving directly by plane or ship, he said, although at the time no planes were arriving. Small overloaded boats picked up by the Coast Guard are taking the refugees first to centers in Key West and other southernmost points.

As for the resettlement and reunion with families already in this country, said Mr. Schauer, the relative or sponsoring church will be advised of the arrival of the newcomer and every assistance will be given to help him through immigration and customs and to arrange his travel schedule. Because of the large numbers of new arrivals in the Miami area, every effort is being made to move out as many as possible to areas where they are welcome and can start life over again with relatives and friends.

"As Cuban refugees arrive, the first priority is family reunions," Mr. Schauer said. He enlisted the support of churches in other communities to notify CWS at the Cuban Refugee Emergency Center of Cubans in their areas who are expecting relatives and to help the newcomers adjust to their new environment. The address of the Center is 600 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida.

Church World Service also has reported a comprehensive program to aid refugees in Vietnam. Under the proposed plan CWS will recruit immediately 30 Christian doctors, nurses and other specialists "to mount a dynamic humanitarian American presence among the Vietnamese people." An emergency fund of \$250,000 is needed, said CWS, to strengthen existing aid programs and to provide for recruiting the additional 30 specialists for service in Vietnam.

These are some of the many ways in which the National Council of Churches serves.

Remember Veterans Of The Cross Christmas

To see to it that they are not forgotten, in its sixty-fourth year, the Christmas Fund makes its appeal on behalf of the Veterans of the Cross. We rejoice that the appeal is made to the whole United Church. The services of the Fund are extended through the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief and the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Christmas Fund cares for retired ministers and their wives and for

the widows of these men. For many of these retirees, pensions based on small salaries, or rendered less in purchasing power by inflation, are inadequate in times of emergency and crisis. The Christmas Fund goes into action with Christmas checks and with a year 'round ministry of emergency grants.

Each church is urged to receive an offering for this purpose. Send your gifts to The Christmas Fund, Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y.

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Superintendent's Corner

The weather really couldn't have been more beautiful for the fall meetings of the associations and conferences. From start to finish the sun shone brightly out of clear blue skies. It was a joy to show off our area to visitors under these circumstances.

Dr. Darley Downs, of the United Church Board for World Ministries, and Mrs. F. C. (Emily) Lester, of the Council for Lay Life and Work, were the guest speakers for the fall meetings. Of course, Mrs. Lester has visited our convention before.

Dr. F. C. Lester, Mrs. Lester's husband, is the uncle of Mrs. A. R. Van Cleave. This led Dr. Van Cleave to state privately that he should have introduced Mrs. Lester at the East Alabama Association as "Aunt Emily." I do not know whether it was chivalry or prudence that led him to introduce her in a more formal way.

Mrs. Lester and I were fascinated by Dr. Downs. Not only was he an easy and friendly traveling companion, but he was also a particularly interesting one. We shortly discovered that he is almost a walking encyclopedia. The range of his knowledge is amazing.

The visitors to our meetings are always impressed by the friendly spirit of our people — and by the good and generous meals served by the churches. Attending all of the association and conference meetings is really quite an experience.

I am happy to report that most of the meetings were well attended. At each of them a good spirit was evident. I believe that the churches are ready to face the future with enthusiasm and dedication — and certainly the future is full of opportunity!

THE CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

According to the information received in the convention office the following officers and chairmen were elected or appointed by the associations and conferences at their annual fall meetings.

North Alabama Association

Moderator: Rev. Bobby Aderholt
Vice-Moderator: Phillip Woodbury
Scribe-Treasurer: Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Pastor-at-Large and Representative to
SEC Board: Rev. Guy L. Colbert

Committee Chairmen

Survey and Church Aid: Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Religious Education: Mrs. Lela Terry
Stewardship & Missionary Education:
Rev. Robert L. Shelton
By-Laws, Motion and Resolution: Rev.
Bobby Aderholt
Ministry and Churches: Rev. Guy L.
Colbert

Central Alabama Association

Moderator: Fred D. Powell
Vice-Moderator: Rev. G. Graham Norris
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Willa Durden
SEC Board: Rev. William Fulmer

Committee Chairmen

Ministry and Churches: Rev. George
Graham Norris
Church Survey & Aid: Mrs. Fred D.
Powell
Christian Education & Youth Work:
Winston Noble
Evangelism, Stewardship & Missionary
Education: Rev. William Fulmer

S. Alabama - N. W. Florida

Moderator: Rev. Otto L. Culpepper
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Joseph H. Brown
Scribe-Treasurer: Mrs. Marvin G.
Brand, Jr.

SEC Board: Rev. N. A. Long

Committee Chairmen

Christian Education & Youth Work:
Mrs. Paul McCullum
Stewardship & Missionary Education:
Rev. Joseph H. Brown
Evangelism & Worship: Rev. E. H.
Henby
Ministry & Churches: Rev. N. A. Long
Survey & Church Aid: Rev. C. H.
Stewart

East Alabama Association

Moderator: Dr. A. R. Van Cleave
Vice-Moderator: Rev. W. W. Hall
Secretary: H. P. Beaird
Treasurer: Ross McCormack
SEC Board: H. P. Beaird

Committee Chairmen

Ministry & Churches: Rev. W. W. Hall
Missions & Stewardship: Rev. Allen
B. Hollis, Jr.
Religious Education & Youth Work:
Rev. Warner D. Noles
Evangelism, Worship & Fellowship:
Rev. Bill Hodnett
Music Director: E. C. Stevens
Pianist — Mrs. Maynard Fuller

Tennessee - Kentucky

Moderator: Dr. W. Millard Stevens
Vice-Moderator: Rev. William J. Jamerson
Secretary: Rev. Benjamin E. Lewis
Treasurer: Charles Brown
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Ministry & Churches: Rev. James E.
Spicer
Survey & Church Aid: Rev. John C.
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Evangelism: Rev. H. J. Traylor
Stewardship & Missionary Education:
Rev. William R. Winterbottom
Christian Education: Rev. Roy D. Colby
Christian Social Action: Rev. John F.
Anderson

Georgia - South Carolina

Moderator: Rev. Edward M. Brown
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Yancey Sears
Secretary: Mrs. Emmett Bailey
Treasurer: Rev. Robert W. Hendrix
SEC Board: Warren L. Smith

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Ministry & Churches: Rev. Frederick
A. Meyer
Evangelism, Stewardship & Missionary
Education: Rev. L. Floyd Carmack
Survey & Church Aid: Rev. Wesley W.
Martin
Christian Education & Youth Work:
Rev. John Rhodes

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HERE AND THERE NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister's Convocation

The annual United Church Ministers Convocation will be held Dec. 6-8 at Camp Calvin near Atlanta, Ga.

The convocation will begin at 2 p. m. on Monday and close following the noon meal on Wednesday.

Rev. Everett C. Parker, of the United Church Office of Communication, and Rev. Albert C. Ronander, of the United Church Stewardship Council, will be the guest leaders from the denomination.

Camp Calvin is located west of U. S. 41 about 20 miles south of Atlanta. There are signs indicating the turn from the main highway and from there to the center.

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Publication

A booklet entitled "History and Program", giving information about the United Church of Christ is now available at a cost of 30c per copy (10 or more copies 20c each) from the Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

This booklet is recommended to the churches for study and to interpret the United Church to prospective members and other interested persons.

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M. O. R. E. Programs

During early October many of the churches of the new Southern Conference in North Carolina and Virginia participated in the M. O. R. E. Program for the area. This is a program of evangelism and nurture developed by the Department of Evangelism.

Rev. Arnold Slater, of Chattanooga, served as the missionary for the Elon College Community Church, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar as the missionary for the First Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.

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Homecoming At Daisy

The Daisy, Tenn., Congregational Church observed Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 26. The Rev. H. Blair Bentley, of Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn., was the guest speaker for the occasion.

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Former Moderator

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Saunders and their son, Douglas, joined the First Congregational Church, Knoxville, on

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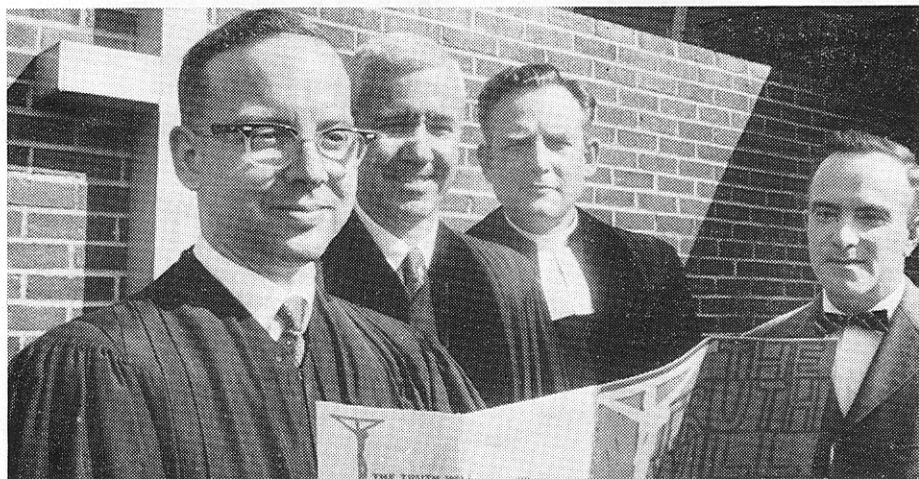
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Mr. Saunders was elected moderator of the Southeast Convention in 1961, but moved from Birmingham, Ala., to Indiana after serving only a month or two. The Saunders had previously been members of Pilgrim Church,

Chattanooga.

Their oldest son, Robert, is a student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Chip is a student at Elon College.

It is good to have the Saunders back in the Southeast.



L to R: REV. JOHN F. ANDERSON, SUPT. JAMES H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
DR. JAMES GLASSE, MR. MARTIN LEWIS

Tennessee - Kentucky Groups Vote To Unite

The joint meeting of the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference of the Convention of the South and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of the Southeast Convention at the First Congregational Christian Church, Crossville, Tenn., on Saturday, Oct. 16, proved to be a historic occasion.

The two groups voted to unite to form the Tennessee-Kentucky Association of the Southeast Convention as of Jan. 1, 1966. The new organization will be an acting association of the United Church until the final reorganization of the associations of the Southeast Convention (Conference) into full United Church associations.

The Tennessee-Kentucky Conference of the Convention of the South is made up of five churches in Tennessee and one in Athens, Ala. At one time the Negro CC churches in Louisville and Lexington, Ky., were members of the conference, but they are now in the Indiana-Kentucky United Church Conference.

Actually, as of Jan. 1, 1966, only five churches will be involved. The Second Congregational Church, Memphis, Tenn., has voted to become a part of the Missouri Conference of the United Church. The First CC Church, Memphis, is already in the Missouri. At one time its membership was in the Southeast Convention.

Looking to Jan. 1, the organization

New Pastor Installed By Brookmeade Church

The Reverend John F. Anderson was installed as pastor of the Brookmeade United Church, Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Participating in the service were Dr. James Glasse, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Rev. C. Tom Baker, Jr., executive secretary of the Tennessee Council of Churches, and Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., superintendent of the Southeast Convention.

Mr. Anderson was called to the church last August and began his ministry there Sept. 1. Mr. Martin Lewis, who is in the above picture, served as chairman of the pulpit committee.

Mr. Anderson was pastor of the CC churches in Vergennes and New Haven, Vermont, before accepting the call to Brookmeade. The parsonage was in Vergennes.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have six children. They are now living in the attractive and roomy church parsonage.

elected Rev. Dr. W. Millard Stevens, pastor of First CC Church, Knoxville, as moderator and Rev. William J. Jamerson, pastor of Howard Church, Nashville, vice-moderator. Rev. Benjamin E. Lewis, pastor of the Sweetwater Church, was chosen secretary and Prof. Charles Brown, a layman of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, treasurer.

Staff Appointments Recently Announced

Rev. John C. DeBoer

The Rev. John C. DeBoer of Burlington, Vermont, has been appointed to the national staff of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. DeBoer will be a field secretary in the Urban Church Department of the Division of Church Extension of the Board for Homeland Ministries. He will begin his duties Nov. 15.

Mr. DeBoer, with responsibility for the eastern third of the country, will assist in developing ministries in underprivileged urban neighborhoods and will advise ministers and congregations on how best to deal with the problems of urbanization.

Before his recent appointment, Mr. DeBoer was assistant minister of the Vermont Congregational Conference for six years. The son of missionaries of the Reformed Church in America, he was born in Kodaikanal, India. Mr. and Mrs. DeBoer have three children.

Rev. John R. Moyer

The Rev. John R. Moyer of Plentywood, Montana, has been appointed to the national staff of the Board for Homeland Ministries.

He will serve as a secretary in the Town and Country Department of the Division of Church Extension.

The Town and Country Department develops rural and small town churches, provides missions to American Indians and conducts special ministries for tourists in national parks and resort areas.

Mr. Moyer was pastor of First Congregational Church in Plentywood from 1961 to 1965 with a year off in 1963-64 to exchange pulpits with the pastor of Wishaw Congregational Church, Wishaw, Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have two children.

Rev. Dr. Clyde H. Reid

Rev. Dr. Clyde H. Reid, New York City, formerly of Union Theological Seminary, has joined the staff of the Department of Evangelism of the United Church.

Dr. Reid was assistant professor of Practical Theology and assistant director of field work at Union Theological Seminary. Dr. and Mrs. Reid have three children.